

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the existing abstract presented on the last page of the application as filed under the heading "ABSTRACT" with the following:

The present invention relates to an intermediate composite part (1) designed for forming a composite reinforcement prosthesis and ~~comprising~~ including:

- i) a porous textile support (2) which includes an arrangement of threads each composed of at least one filament of nonabsorbable polymer material, ~~said~~ the textile support defining the free edge or edges (7) of the part, and
- ii) a hydrophilic absorbable material (3) covering ~~said~~ the textile support, at least on one side of the latter, extending across the surface of what is called a protected zone (4) and creating, on each side of the latter, two unprotected zones (5, 6) of the textile support which are limited by ~~said~~ the free edges and are devoid of any of ~~said~~ the absorbable material.

It also relates to a process for preparing such a part.